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# Enter the CTA César E. Chávez Education Program

The CTA César E. Chávez Memorial Education Program will provide recognition for students and their teachers who demonstrate an understanding of the vision and guiding principles by which César E. Chávez lived his life.

Group and individual awards are available. The Awards Program will honor the memory of this great man and ensure that the spirit of his work continues in the classrooms of California. Entries are due Friday, December 7. Applications are available at cta.org and montebelloteachers.org.

## District Applies for RTTT-D Grant As MTA Disapproves

The District reported that the RTTT-D grant application was sent to the federal government in early November. The Council voted not to support the grant application. President Julian De La Torre wrote a letter to Superintendents Pell and Henke which reported the fact that MTA did not approve of the RTTT-D grant application. The letter was copied to U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan.

# **Workshop for Dream Act Candidates**

MUSD in collaboration with MTA and the City of Bell Gardens will be holding a workshop to assist any young person with their application for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) on the evening of January 15. Training for personnel wishing to help at workshop will take place on January 13th. If interested please call Victor Gil de Montes at Ext. 6231 or Jose Franco at Ext. 2814.



**Election Celebrations! Business Manager Cheryl** Plotkin promised the **Revenue and Expense** Committee she would bring balloons if Proposition 30 passed. She brought balloons (and flowers). Hank Klein (substitute teacher) won \$500 in a drawing for CTA SESSC phone bank volunteers.

# 2012 Tax Information

The amounts shown below are the annual amount for the calendar year 2012, which covers parts of two different membership years. Please note that your Trust Fund contribution is included since it is collected as "dues" under Category 1. Trust Fund contributions are also included with dues if you are a Category 2 employee and have elected to participate in the MTA Trust Fund.

#### **JANUARY - DECEMBER 2012 MEMBERS**

Cat. 1 Full Time \$2,115.80 (Rep Fee \$1,015.80) 2 30-60% \$1,619.90 (w/o TF \$519.90)

3 30% or less \$ 284.30

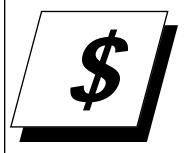
Retired 6/12 \$1,209.00 (Rep Fee \$609.00)

### **NEW MEMBERS SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER**

Cat. 1 Full Time \$ 906.80 (Rep Fee \$406.80) 2 30-60% \$ 703.40 (w/o TF \$203.40)

> 3 30% or less \$ 113.84

Political contributions are as follows: MTA-ABC \$25/year. FACT \$10/year, NEA-PAC \$10/year (or what you have designated).



November 26, 2012

# e Y e n u d **Expense** Report

The Revenue & Expense Committee was created in February 1995 to cooperatively examine the District's finances. The Committee is comprised of members each from MTA, CSEA, and MUSD.

MTA
Lorraine Richards (MHS)
Alma Orta (SUE)
Ryan Rice (ATC)
Guillermo Sandoval (MHS)
Julian De La Torre, alt. (MTA)

Kathy Schlotz (ex-officio)

#### REVENUE AND EXPENSE QUARTERLY REPORT

# Revenues \$14,360,163.63 The month of September 2011 \$18,189,543.15 Year to date this year \$18,528,983.87 Year to date last year \$20,631,639.39 Expenses

#### TOPICS OF INTEREST THIS QUARTER

#### **Budget Status - Cheryl Plotkin**

Cheryl summarized the power point presentation to The Board of Education regarding the unaudited final budget. She reviewed the revenue and expenses of the unrestricted general funds & restricted general funds. Cheryl also shared that 61% of the revenue comes from the state, the rest from the city property taxes, and the federal government. Cheryl also wanted to make sure that the election news regarding proposition 39 was mentioned, it will also increase state revenue as much as \$1 billion. The district will be reviewing their rental charges since the state is allowing for additional charges for the use of facilities. Part of Cheryl's reports have been to update the committee on the ways the district is utilizing assets to generate revenue.

#### **Enrollment - Cheryl Plotkin**

The district reserve needed to be increased to 3%, which is an additional \$1.6 billion due to the drop in enrollment, below 30,000. There has been a decrease in enrollment from 2006 to 2013. Cheryl also shared an update regarding transitional kindergarten, the sites include: LME, JAE, BGE, and WAE. The projected decrease in enrollment for 2013 was 650, MUSD actual was 690. There has been discussion regarding next year's enrollment loss.

#### Facilities Update - Don Yamagata

Don informed us that the grand opening of the pool at Schurr High School occurred on October 16, 2012 and was a success. The construction of the new building at WAE with eleven classrooms has begun. Facilities master plan is being completed and finalized and will be presented to the Board of Education. A recent projects in the district: new roof at GWE, D building improvements at MHS, handicapped and elevator - D building at SHS modernization; portables removed at RPE; SVI C-building roof; fire alarms at WGE. Cheryl interjected regarding LNEs shut down, the district is going through asset management regarding the site. The plan is to sign a long term lease with a developer. The district has purchased the property behind ATC from the trash company, which will be used by a small part of maintenance and operations. Energy Report included the cost avoidance from September 2011 - August 2012 as \$1,200,449 and August 2012 - \$213,416.

#### **Grants - Art Revueltas**

The district reviewed the continuing and new grants. Categorical funding grants total \$14 million from different sources. Grants include: Safe Schools, \$8 million was received over six years; and SL grant such as adult department. Other small grants such as ConnectEd, all used by pathways at the high school level and it was also used for the training of intermediate teachers. MUSD has set-up an educational foundation set up through LACOE, which has raised over \$100,000. Other grants have been awarded to MUSD that have to do with matching funds. Lastly, there are currently federal grant funds available, although there is a two year limit to the funds of \$7 million.